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CENTENNIAL PLANS ANNOUNCED

Extension, Cazadero In Next Year Pioneering

Voicing **The Call, to California,** Superintendent Harley H. Gill made official announcement of plans for our Centennial celebrations in 1949.

"The first hundred years is rushing to a close. The second is waiting like a relay runner to catch the baton and make off on a new lap.

"We stand at that fleeting instant today. We have had a glorious history. Great men have gone before, Benton, Willey, Warren, Pond, Dwinnel, Nash, Buckham, Brown, Adams. Without exception they would say, Face About! Go forward! And we shall go forward!"

Summarizing the plans which have been studied for months by the staff and the Board, Dr. Gill told of the communities awaiting new churches. Our denomination has been given allocations to go forward. The projected $100,000 Centennial Fund will underwrite essential steps in the launching of new churches.

Cazadero improvements totaling $30,000 will include the new road (already beginning construction), a new swimming pool, a dining and recreation hall and other essential projects.

NEW LEAFLET AVAILABLE

The first leaflet on Centennial plans picturing some of the projects and listing the Centennial Planning Committee of 100 was distributed at the San Mateo Conference. Copies in quantity for distribution in every community are available.

The Centennial pageant given Saturday evening in the beautiful setting of the patio of the San Mateo church portrays some of the historic chapters in the founding of our churches, entitled "The Call to Pioneers, 1948-1949." The first production had a cast of over 50, but it can be streamlined for production elsewhere.

Meeting since the Conference, the Centennial Planning Committee is seeking to assemble historic pictures and to encourage each church to look forward to significant observances in 1949. Suggestions of all kinds and the loan of pictures and documents will be welcomed by the Conference office.

ELECTION RETURNS

Elected as Conference Moderator for the coming year is the Rev. Robert W. Inglis of Plymouth church, Oakland, who served as the Conference preacher at San Mateo. The Assistant Moderator is Mr. Ralph H Anderson, an active layman of Hayward, who served as chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the October meeting.

The Board of Directors elected Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento as its President, and the Rev. Herbert C Gans of Petaluma, vice-president. The members of the Board, including holdover members, are as follows (those with asterisk * being members of the Executive Committee): Class of 1949, *Mr. Peirce Coombes, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, *Mr. David H. Gill, *Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, *Mrs. E. B. Kientz; Class of 1950, *Rev. Robert W. Inglis, *Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Chester Marliave, Mr. John B. Massen, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. T. E. Watt; Class of 1951, *Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, *Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, Rev. Stanley Marple, Rev. John H. Gregg, *Rev. James G. Gilkey, *Mrs. James H. Price, and *Rev. G. Arthur Casaday.

Other officers elected at San Mateo include: Registrar, Rev. Harley H. Gill; fraternal delegate to Southern California, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham; visitors to Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr., Rev. Ernest M. Fowler. Our elected representatives to the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches are: Rev. T. Davis Preston, Mr. George W. Lindsay, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, Rev. H. Weldon Batty, and Mrs. C. R. Claiborne.

The Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing had three new members elected for the Class of 1951: Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, and Rev. J. H. McCartney. Continuing members of this important committee are: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. William C. Besselievre, and Rev. Clayton H. Gill.

ASSOCIATION LINE-UP STUDIED

Moderator Pierce Coombes led the Conference through inspiring and eventful sessions, October 22 to 24.

Among the forward-looking steps taken at the San Mateo meeting, the Conference voted to re-study the alignment of Association boundaries to meet the present day functional needs of cooperation among churches, and a committee was appointed to present the matter for study by the Associations.

PER CAPITA INCREASE PAID

To meet the increased activities and expenses of our General Council, the Board voted to pay increased per capita taxes for the churches of the Conference, and the churches, at the same time, are urged to clear their rolls of negative members.

A resolution was passed recommending that the churches, which have not yet voted on the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, do so before the end of the year, and that "this Conference urges reconsideration and a new vote in the case of any church which has voted and which now sees a reason for reconsideration."

SUPPORT U.N., URGE INCLUSIVENESS

Other resolutions called for support of the United Nations, a "modification through evolution to arrive at the desired goal of the substitution of the rule of law for the appeal to force" in world relations; for favorable recommendation to the attention of the churches of the action by the Palo Alto church, expressing its purpose "to be an inclusive fellowship wherein the peoples of the various racial and class backgrounds can worship and experience Christian fellowship together."

To capture in print the inspiration of a conference is impossible. To give even a summary of the major addresses at San Mateo would not fit these pages. But here are a few gleanings from the annual meeting.

Dr. Truman Douglass — "The six million dollars for Our Christian World Mission means two cents per day per member. To ask whether we have such resources is an absurdity. It is more relevant to ask whether we really mean business."

"The Church is not only a new society, in the midst of old societies that are passing away, it is the organ of the new life within us."

"We are not interested in promoting institutions as such, but the only real alternative to having churches, in new communities, for example, is **not** having churches."

Prof. Harry Rathbun — "To rephrase the unchanging truths of religion in language that will meet the modern mind is our task."

"The mature person is one whose center is God. Therefore he **can't** act egocentrically. He must love his neighbor as himself."

"The man of our day who has influenced perhaps more people than any other did not call himself a Christian—Gandhi—but he paid to Jesus of Nazareth the singular compliment of taking him seriously."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21 — Thanksgiving Offering to help complete our apportionment giving for the Postwar Emergency Program.
November 21 — San Joaquin Area Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Pilgrim Armenian Church, Fresno.
December 27-30 — Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-winter Conference, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.
January 21 — Annual meeting of Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

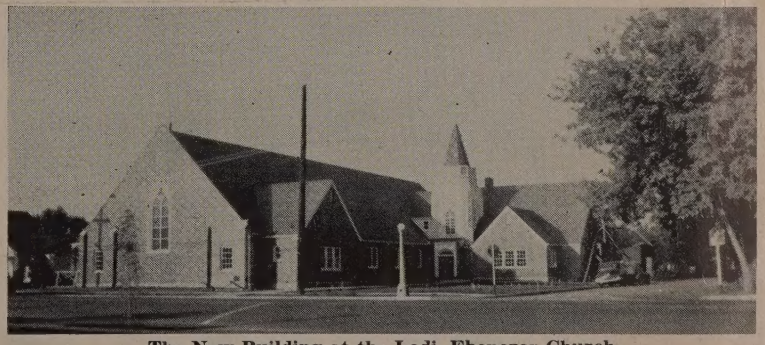
P. F. MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Youth Convene at Berkeley Dec. 27-30

With First Church Berkeley playing host, Pilgrim Fellowship youth will assemble on Monday afternoon, December 27th, for their annual Mid-Winter Conference. A high point for inspiration and practical plans, the gathering is expected to draw 300 young people and leaders, who will be housed in Eastbay Church homes for the three nights, with all meals being served at the church.

Keynote speaker on the theme "Power for Pilgrims" will be Dr. Henry David Gray of Oneonta church. Rev. Richard Norberg of Hayward is serving as Director and Miss Avonne Ravekes as chairman of the planning committee. The Conference Committee on Youth Work will offer special seminars on youth leadership, especially for ministers and lay advisors of youth groups, as a parallel program for the youth sessions.

Registration blanks, already being circulated, should be returned to the State P. F. Office no later than December 17th.



The New Building at the Lodi, Ebenezer Church

With all readers of The Pacific cordially invited to share in the all-day ceremonies, the Ebenezer Congregational Church of Lodi will dedicate its new building on Sunday, November 21. In the evening the massed choirs of the E. and R. Church, First Church, and the Ebenezer Church, of Lodi, will sing. Supt. Harley H. Gill will be the principal speaker in the morning.

The new edifice, including a two-story educational section, cost $110,000, with $10,000 worth of additional labor contributed by church members. The property includes six lots, giving a beautiful approach and allowing ample parking space behind the building.

The Pacific congratulates this church and its pastor, Rev. F. W. Gross, on its fine achievement.

REMEMBER — THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR APPORTIONMENT

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Ken Kinnear Is Ordained

The new chapel of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley was the scene on Friday evening, Sept. 29, of a moving and impressive service of ordination for Kenneth Kinner, Director of Plymouth House. The service was the first held in the new chapel, and proved to be a fitting and significant dedication of this beautiful sanctuary as well as of the life of a young man to the work of the Christian ministry.

The service was built around the text from Isaiah, "Here Am I! Send Me." Dr. Vere V. Loper preached the ordination sermon from this theme, and the other participants sustained this challenging note throughout the service. The Reverend David Evans, Associate Minister of Berkeley First, gave the call to Worship and Invocation. The Reverend Wm. W. Meyer read the Scripture lesson. Following the sermon, the Reverend Eugene V. Haynes administered the Vows of Ordination. The Prayer of Ordination was given by the Reverend Hugh Vernon White, and the Charge to the Candidate was administered by the Reverend Ralph Hyslop. Representing the Conference and in that capacity offering the Right Hand of Fellowship was the Reverend Harley H. Gill.

Reverend Mr. Kinnear has recently come from Chicago where he attended the Chicago Theological Seminary. His ministry here is with the students of the University of California, as the first full time Minister to Students of the Congregational Churches on the Berkeley campus.

CAZADERO REPORT

In a strong drive for successful completion of the apportionment side of our Postwar Emergency Program, our national moderator, Helen Kenyon has called for a courageous Thanksgiving Offering with a collection of as many dollars as there are members in your church.

This will be a final reminder for churches to include this offering on November 21 and to send in separate checks designated "Thanksgiving Offering." Regular apportionment credit will be given for all the gifts.

At the Christmas Season, the final offering for War Victims and Reconstruction will be made and plans should be made now.

Let's Pull Together!

	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1947	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1948	C.W.V.R. 1948
Adin	$ 20.75	$ ———	$ ———
Alameda	1400.52	1095.33	252.13
Alturas	137.95	172.13	19.00
Angels Camp	190.00	100.00	74.90
Antioch	96.89	163.83	20.00
Auburn	208.95	228.75	78.75
Benicia	105.00	52.00	———
Berkeley, Arlington	55.64	169.22	73.53
" Chinese	3.22	———	———
" First	7704.72	6749.94	3598.47
" North	685.85	782.95	413.80
" Northbrae	454.73	———	———
" South Community	515.69	307.53	195.81
Campbell	200.00	643.06	70.00
Cedarville	101.25	49.75	———
Cloverdale	61.68	131.85	———
Cotati	77.50	83.75	25.00
Crockett	98.23	72.17	———
Dinuba	———	.66	———
Elk Grove	28.13	14.25	14.25
Etna	45.09	26.27	70.43
Eureka	649.11	496.66	419.85
Fairfax	26.65	97.10	40.00
Ferndale	322.75	271.81	264.86
Fresno, First	715.00	1100.00	965.10
" Japanese	25.00	25.00	85.00
" Pilgrim	770.13	500.00	———
" Zion	42.46	41.14	———
Glen Ellen	90.00	90.00	15.40
Guerneville	27.12	25.00	62.75
Hayward	150.00	100.00	320.00
Kenwood	64.31	38.18	10.00
Likely	15.00	———	———
Lodi, Ebenezer	41.80	———	114.00
" First	2525.98	2346.00	328.01
Loleta	———	7.00	———
Loomis	192.60	200.00	2.50
Martinez	604.07	842.36	367.57
Murphys	122.68	100.00	25.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	23.65
Oakland, First	5392.97	4400.00	1182.99
" Fruitvale	45.00	72.40	———
" Japanese	30.00	80.00	24.24
" New Pilgrim	84.74	76.00	76.00
" Plymouth	1185.33	1204.82	799.55
Orinda	617.33	685.25	341.18
Oroville	532.57	790.87	223.83
Pacific Grove	239.10	175.00	———
Palo Alto	1630.29	1474.00	1075.25
Paradise	540.25	550.00	134.27
Parlier	10.00	20.00	———
Penngrove	48.28	34.13	———
Pescadero	45.00	10.00	———
Petaluma	600.00	660.00	185.00
Pittsburg	216.22	214.72	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	131.04	5.40
Porterville	565.80	1400.00	410.00
Redwood City	1070.81	1006.54	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	———
Rio Vista	85.00	100.00	———
Ripon	173.69	210.70	20.82
Sacramento, First	1307.50	1490.00	1800.00
" Sierra-Arden	113.00	51.48	1.00
Salida	92.81	60.10	———
San Carlos	491.50	625.00	257.50
San Francisco, Bethany Mission Park	305.62	175.75	52.00
" Calvary	30.00	———	———
" First	464.39	279.65	31.37
" Ocean View	160.00	100.00	49.00
" Park Presidio	274.88	303.84	———
Sanger	11.04	———	71.71
San Jose	945.00	977.00	420.00
San Leandro	108.43	99.13	95.00
San Mateo	330.00	1125.00	1822.67
San Rafael	66.00	35.00	———
Santa Cruz	797.50	264.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	213.95	78.00	46.75
Saratoga	205.55	378.91	129.53
Sebastopol	337.69	271.49	168.47
Sonoma	169.46	150.28	15.21
Soquel	216.57	158.10	———
Stockton	899.03	933.23	419.33
Suisun	68.48	75.00	80.00
Sunnyvale	48.33	57.43	10.00
Tulare	440.28	1559.00	———
Weaverville	162.00	50.00	100.00
Woodside	11.50	11.50	51.69
Reno, Nevada	790.70	748.38	45.00
Miscellaneous	3438.49	2047.03	492.07
TOTALS	$44,278.53	$42,588.46	$19,019.47

AUBURN ARRIVAL

Rev. and Mrs. William Keeney of Auburn announce the arrival of their third daughter, October 12th, at 4:30 a.m. Weight, 8 pounds 6 ounces. Mother and daughter are doing well.

THANKS, PAL

Those who attended spring Association meetings will be glad to hear that Miss Florence C. Malcolm has put in the order for her jeep. The total given by her friends in Northern California was $552.09. The jeep is to be named "Pal."

THE CALL TO OUR CHURCHES

SAN MATEO SEMINARS HAVE IMPORTANT FINDINGS

The seminars at the San Mateo Conference using as their springboard, "The Call" of our national Commission on Evangelism made their reports at the Sunday morning session. Highlights of their recommendations are among the most significant results of the Conference.

A. SECTION ON THEOLOGY

1. That Conference and Churches study the matter of providing sabbatical leaves for pastors for the purpose of study and the deepening of the spiritual life.

2. That ministers prepare to take advantage of once a week refresher course that may be given at Pacific School of Religion.

3. That following the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church a commission drawing the best leadership from Congregational and E. & R. Churches be established for thinking along the lines "What is the message and mission of the United Church?"

4. That the recommended reading list being promoted by the Associates in Reading be studied by ministers, and used.

5. That the forthcoming report of the World Council of Churches be given careful study by the Conference and the Churches.

B. SECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

1. That every Church take seriously the recommendations in the stewardship section of "The Call".

2. That there be greater use of the high quality stewardship literature provided by the denomination — especially the **Missionary Herald.**

3. That stewardship education be a major emphasis in the educational program of the local Church.

4. That the Conference appoint a stewardship committee to assist local Churches.

5 That Churches and members approach stewardship in the spirit of a personal life commitment.

C. SECTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. That each Church set as its goal a net increase of at least 10% in Church School enrollment. (Many of our Churches have done this during the past year.)

2. That every Church pursue the advantages of a correlated curriculum for Christian Education such as Pilgrim Series provides.

3. That every Church School be given an opportunity to share in Our Christian World Mission.

4. That the need for trained and consecrated teachers be tackled squarely and that monthly teacher training meetings (such as outlined in Pilgrim Series Manuel) be put in every church program.

5. That cooperation between home and church be strengthened such as through the new booklet "The Family Celebrates Christmas."

D. SECTION ON SOCIAL ACTION

1. That Conference and Churches work for the elimination of excesses in alcohol advertising.

2. That members be encouraged to patronize businesses of racial minority groups likely to suffer from discrimination.

3. That Catholic-Protestant relations be accepted as a problem of major concern to the Churches and the Conference.

4. That means be provided for tabulating and publicizing the records of candidates for state political offices.

5. That social action work shops be promoted throughout the Conference.

E. SECTION ON THE OUTREACH OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. That the church can best serve the world by renewing her own life, and that the first outreach of the church must be **upreach** to God for that renewal.

2. That the Conference, through the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, secure the best available leadership in the devotional life, whether within or beyond the limits of our denomination, and call our ministers together that we may become humble learners again in this area in which no man ever becomes an expert or knows all there is to know. (A post-Easter ministers' retreat was approved.)

3. That there be an extension of the programs already in effect which provide opportunity for lay men and women to deepen their spiritual life through retreats held at Cazadero. More people should be given this splendid opportunity.

4. That the Conference encourage in the local churches the development of a year-around concentration on deepening the life of prayer; that schools of prayer be held for new members (and old); that cell groups be gathered for the study of methods and the practice of the presence of God; and that young adults especially be encouraged in this effort.

5. That each church provide a library of devotional literature to meet a wide variety of tastes and encourage the constant circulation of same.

. That each church discipline itself to think of its entire program as directed to only one end—that of securing and deepening our commitment to Christ and his Way.

7. That our concern for this continuous educational evangelism be directed not only to adults active in the life of the church, but also to all ages including the youngest babes and the oldest shut-ins.

8. That the Conference and the churches seek to recover the values in the lay-visitation method of evangelism, and especially that the services now offered by our national office through the Church Extension Division be secured for Northern California.

9. And finally, that the specific goals recorded in "The Call" (pages 40 and 41) be used as a check list by the local church to measure the degree to which it is meeting the challenge of our need to renew our inner life for the sake of filling the world's great need.

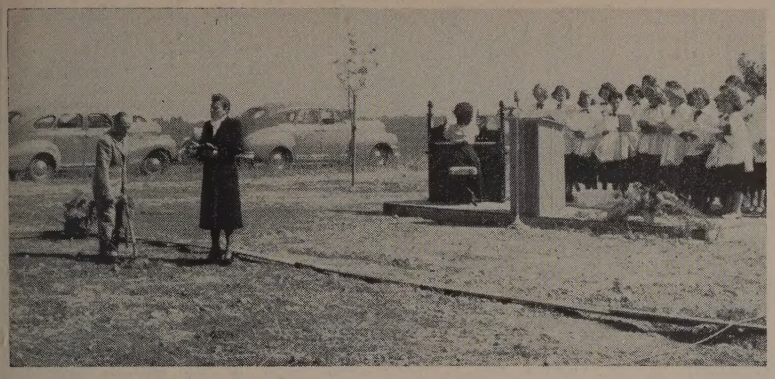
Copies of THE CALL for study and use by the churches are available from the Conference Office.

LAYMAN IN SPOTLIGHT

To continue the column begun last month, we turn the "spotlight" for this issue of The Pacific on our retiring Moderator, Mr. Peirce Coombes.

A busy San Francisco attorney, Mr. Coombes has given generously of his time to the Conference for legal advice on property questions at Cazadero and various church projects. He has served for several terms on the Board of Directors and was president of the Board immediately preceding his term as Conference Moderator. Mr. Coombes is an active layman in the Redwood City church and has been one of the leading spirits in our Laymen's movement in Northern California.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB



Rev. Mary McKee Chester presiding at the ground breaking ceremony of the Sierra-Arden Community Church, with Mr. Earl McBroom, chairman of the Building Committee, turning the first shovelful of earth.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rooms of the church are being re-finished, beginning with the Directors' room. An Ushers' Club has been formed with the Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., appearing in his kilt at the first meeting, to speak of his summer as exchange pastor in Scotland. Mr. Horace G. Hunt has been called as Director of Music of the church, coming from New Zealand with previous work in New England and Europe. The Communion will be observed monthly, alternating at the morning and evening services. We watch with anticipation and prayerful interest as this historic church expands its program.

PORTERVILLE. The "Evening Circle" for business and professional women has resumed regular meetings with twenty-five out of a prospective fifty already attending. The Church School has the largest attendance in years, and several new teachers. The Pilgrim Fellowship group of young people held a fall week-end retreat at Camp Nelson. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. A minstrel show with a large chorus attracted considerable attention in the community. The community center program continues to expand. At a recent church meeting, the members evaluated the outreach of the church and made a re-dedication to a program of churchmanship.

CAMPBELL. Two young men of the church are looking forward to the ministry. Dr. Augustine Jones drew a capacity crowd to the first Fellowship Dinner of the season. A large concrete patio has been laid around the barbecue pit of the new Manse, a porch added, and several other improvements made. A large delegation attended State Conference meetings.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. At a recent packing party, the 20-40 Club sent "420 pounds of cheer" to the Mission School in Hiroshima. The teen-age Crusaders also have an active program.

PESCADERO. Mr. Ronald Smith, a student at Pacific School of Religion, has been called as pastor of the church, succeeding Mr. Robert Crawford.

LOOMIS. This church celebrated its semi-centennial on October 31. It was four years overdue. Mrs. H. N. Hansen had compiled a history of the church which was very beautifully printed and illustrated with actual photographs. Oldtime members were honored and large photographs of the beautiful chancel of the church were presented to them. The occasion was doubly significant in that a lovely set of chimes was dedicated in memory of the pioneers. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the sermon at the morning service. At five o'clock in the afternoon there was an organ and chimes recital, and a great anniversary banquet was served in the evening. Mr. Francis Lindsay, chairman of the Board of the church and Vice-Moderator of the Sacramento Valley Association, has been elected to the State Assembly from the 6th District. Rev. Harry Martynse has been instrumental in defeating two applications for liquor licenses in the community within the last three weeks.

ANGELS CAMP. The Mr. and Mrs. Club meets bi-weekly on Sunday nights for Bible study. Young people are working on a project for beautifying the Church grounds. Junior Highs have undertaken baby-sitting as their share in promoting Church activities.

SAN JOSE. A Planning Conference of church officers began the fall program. A re-built organ, including chimes, has been given through the gifts of several friends of the church. Fourteen new members were received on World Community Sunday.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Sunday evening services, conducted in Mandarin, have been started and well received. The Church was so crowded at the October Church Night program that some had to sit on the platform.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The College Age group is holding joint meetings with the corresponding group of St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed. "Letter from China" was featured at a recent church dinner. The Sunday bulletin as a regular feature includes interesting notes about the hymns sung in the service.

SAN MATEO. The church received a rather complete re-decorating in preparation for the State Conference meetings including the re-furnishing of the Fireside Room and the addition of a parking lot. All groups in the church participated in fine style in playing host for the Conference meetings. The church now has three youth groups for college, high school and junior high age.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. A series of three Sunday evening Parent-Teacher Workshops are being held with a stimulating program for parents, and with church school teachers serving as hosts and hostesses.

ORINDA. The Clipper Club for young-marrieds had a recent meeting on the intriguing subject of "Personnel Management in the Home." Part of the Church School is meeting in tents while the children's unit of the church is under construction.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Dr. Clarence Reidenbach recently addressed The Women's League on "Sources of Enthusiasm." Friday, October 29, the families of the church attended an "Indoor Picnic." Following the dinner the World Service Committee showed a picture, "Toward Unity."

BERKELEY, FIRST. An impressive service marked the dedication of the new Chapel. An oratorio, "The Temple," was recently presented by the Chancel Choir. Mr. Charles Black, Minister of Music, has seven (seven!) choir groups. The Wednesday evening Seminars present an impressive array of speakers.

MARTINEZ. A new young adult group has been organized with the name "Les Amis." The Courier notes the return of Mrs. Thomas T. Giffen to her former home in Albany, Georgia, and PACIFIC joins in saying we will miss her but we wish her well.

SUISUN. Mr. Donald Cassiday of the Pacific School of Religion has been called as pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Cassiday served this summer under our Conference in the community of White Pine in Calaveras County.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The November Fall Festival dinner is marked by a ceremony of ingathering at which time all the organizations of the church present their earnings of the year to the church budget.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVE. —An inspiring weekend rally was held by the officers of the Hilltoppers, their counsellors, and the pastor, Rev. Herbert Dimock, at Redwood Regional Park, to plan the work of the term for the youth group. A new group of young people, known as the Junior Hilltoppers, was organized during the month.

WOODSIDE. — The women of the church had their annual rummage sale, the results of which helped to complete the organ fund. The Church School hour has been changed to 11 a.m. in view of the rural nature of the community and the results have been favorable.

EUREKA. The invitation to the church's quarterly dinner and business meeting, pot-luck dinner after church on a Sunday, deserves sharing in full with Pacific readers.

"You may want stay in bed
Or tumble out at dawn
To row a boat or take a trip
Or mow that pesky lawn!

But down at 8th and G Streets
Your good church friends await
With lots of food and fellowship
To offer you as bait.

You may miss your beauty sleep,
Or you may miss the bus!
But you won't want to miss the chance
To eat pot-luck with us."

PETALUMA. There was gratifying attendance on and since World Communion Sunday. A Children's Choir of over 20 voices has added extra inspiration at some of the services. A Hobby Show at which members of the church displayed their special treasures and hobbies was recently featured.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. — The church has just purchased a new 1949 Ford for the use of the pastor, Rev. Norio Ozaki. A recent pulpit guest was Rev. Michio Kozaki, moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan.

SAN LORENZO. — The laying of the cornerstone of the new building has been set for November 21. There will be special Thanksgiving services on the 25th and the formal dedication of the building November 28. To this November 28 service there is a special invitation to all readers of The Pacific who are within driving distance. Come and share in the dedication of this unique and significant church building.

Oak Park Church Is Organized

The Oak Park Congregational Church of Sacramento was officially organized at special services held on Sunday afternoon, October 17. Those participating in the chartering ceremonies included Rev. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento Pioneer, Rev. Mary McKee Chester of Sierra-Arden, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Modesto College Avenue, and Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap, the Oak Park pastor.

The church was represented by a fine delegation at the San Mateo meeting, where the church was accepted into the Sacramento Valley Association and the Northern California Conference. The Pacific joins in congratulating the people of Oak Park and welcomes them to our fellowship.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. Ralph D. Hyslop, Correspondent

SAN MATEO LUNCHEON

Many of you were present at the women's luncheon at the State Conference. For the benefit of those who were not able to attend, Mrs. H. L. Holcomb of Oakland was our reporter.

"The women's luncheon of the Conference was held in the Masonic Hall across the street from the San Mateo church. It was put on by members of the Baptist Church (colored) and was most delicious. The tables were very attractive with lovely flowers placed down the center.

"Mrs. Benton Gaskell, wife of the pastor of the San Mateo church, presided and introduced the speaker, Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., the new pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. He gave us a most interesting talk on 'Adventuring in a Church in Scotland'. He had arranged to exchange churches with a pastor in the Highlands of Scotland for the summer, and gave us an account of the proceeding. First they had all their effects on the dock in New York ready to sail, only to find there was no boat going. So they phoned to Boston to see if they could get two seats on a plane. They could, so rushed about getting a few necessary things together, as their own things were still on the dock. They flew to Newfoundland, Ireland, and London all in 18 hours.

"There was a strong contrast between Boston and London, which had been so terribly bombed out, but the spirit of optimism is nevertheless very strong—the spirit of Christian men and women. They have so little and use it so much, while we have so much and use it so little. Which is better?

"The parish to which he ministered is one of the oldest in Scotland, and it was pitiful to see how little of the comforts of life they possessed. Yet they were brave and hopeful and full of the real spiritual attributes that make life a joy and blessing to others. He said, 'I realized that we in America are aristocrats, for an aristocrat is one who has privileges not given to other people. We have enough to eat, enough to wear, we can go and comes as we please, and where else in the world can these things hold true? But with our privileges we must realize our responsibilities. We, who are American Protestants, are the aristocrats of the world. It is in our hands, and only ours, that Protestant religion can survive, and we must face these facts. In Europe it is weak, in Asia not yet strong. Only in America is there hope. What are we going to do about it?"

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, our Federation president, gave us a few words of greeting and a message from Ruth Isabel Seabury, now in Japan. She would like our women in California to send 30 boxes, each to weigh 15 pounds and to contain packages of prepared cake flour, biscuit flour, apples and pie mix, etc. The women in the Japanese churches would like to make things, then sell them, the proceeds to go for things they need in their churches, just as we do here. But they need the makings for it, as suggested.

Mrs. Fuller at Oberlin

We thought all of you would like a word from our official representative to Oberlin. Mrs. R. A. Fuller of First Church, San Francisco, has sent us the following report of highlights: "The emphasis in the women's meetings at Oberlin was on Christian women as intelligent citizens of their home communities, of their country, and of the world. First, we should learn of conditions and then act. It is our responsibility to make a contribution toward good in the world. 'Do unto others, not just sit and let the world go by'. 'We may speak very loudly on the wrong side by failing to speak on the right side.'

"The problem of inadequate housing, with its menace to wholesome family life and to the development and growth of children, is especially serious and nationwide. Miss Katherine Lenroot of the U. S. Children's Bureau said to us, 'The very biggest and most important business in the world is the rearing of children, as they will be trusted with the future of civilization. Children must be given the warmth of love and spiritual security.'

"The text of the women's lovely communion service was 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for another'. Mrs. Williams of Florida, delegate to Amsterdam, reminded us, 'You are a member of the World Council of Churches because you belong to a church which belongs and contributes to the World Council.' Miss Alice Cary said that 'because of missions, the door of Freedom is opening for foreign women.' Mrs. Charles S. Johnson spoke of this meeting as a rededication, for just 100 years ago women were first admitted to Oberlin. In her 'Time for Meditation' she spoke of 'the ability to put oneself in the place of another and feel his feelings' thereby being able to share his burden, as the man who helped Christ with the Cross. 'In your daily life is your temple and your religion.'"

Pioneer of Crockett Church

Of especial interest at this time is the following item from Crockett, contributed by Florence M. Davis.

"On October 14, the Associated Women of the Crockett Community Church honored our pioneer member, Mrs. Evelyn H. Edwards, wife of the late Edward Edwards, who was a son of the pioneer Edwards family who laid out the town of Crockett. Mrs. Edwards celebrated her eightieth birthday in July, when vacations prevented a party at that time. Instead of presenting Mrs. Edwards with a birthday gift, a gift of money was given her to go to her missionary cousin, Dr. Alma Cooke.

"Mrs. Edwards was born in San Francisco in 1868. Her family later moved to Pacheco, Contra Costa County. There, when she was ten years old, she joined the Pacheco Congregational Church. The pastor at that time was one Mr. Dexter, a former missionary in Japan. After several years she went to Martinez, where she took her membership into the Martinez church. In 1891 she came to Crockett as a school teacher and joined the Crockett Congregational church. This church was the crowning effort of the Edwards family. She has been a faithful worker throughout the years and is still on our active list. Would you be surprised if I add that she walks several long blocks to church? Her daughter, Mrs. John W. Peoples, is a member of the Petaluma church."

WE QUOTE

San Mateo Report Continued

Dr. Nelson C. Dreier — "In Italy we saw needs perhaps greater than anywhere in Europe. For instance, there were naked children everywhere, in weather when they should have had clothes to keep warm. One hundred twenty families live in Magdalene Cave in a place as big as this church social hall. A boy followed me in who spoke a little English. 'Mister, what do you think of it?' 'It is terrible!' 'Mister, it is worse than that when you have lived here three years'."

Supt. Harley H. Gill — "Here on this coast and in California, particularly, is where the Congregational churches of the United States can make their gains today. The field here is not fully occupied. The need is great. Do you know, there is one county touching San Francisco Bay where population since 1940 has been multiplied by three; where 6% are Catholic, 3% connected with sects and non-cooperating churches, and 3% with major cooperating churches —total 12%; 88% unrelated to any Christian group? And what does all this say to us Christians?

"The call has come to deeper and stronger faith, to testify in a convincing way as to the good news, to meet our social responsibility, to do a more effective job in Christian education, and to use the blessings of time, energy, life, and substance as good stewards.

"May I especially urge the effort for a 10% gain in membership, 10% gain in Church School enrollment, and Our Christian World Mission. The world calls for more, not less, devotion, sacrifice, and world concern."

Your Move Next!

Torrance Phelps informs us that "Many families move to the State Capital and the Pioneer Church and Minister would be glad to know."

May we enlarge on this? "Many families move!" Mobility is both promising and tragic. The tragedy is that some churches, selfishly and short-sightedly, try to hang onto absentee members.

Let's strengthen the idea of a "Letter Missive," whenever **any** of our church families and friends move **anywhere,** commending them to the pastoral care and the active church affiliation of sister churches (or cousins, if there isn't a sister!).

YOUTH SUPPORT WORLD MISSION

Pilgrim Fellowship groups are in the midst of their series of fall missionary rallies. Although the program and emphasis have been different in each one, the share of Pilgrim Fellowship young people in Our Christian World Mission has been stressed. The colored sound film, "Letter from China," has been shown at most of the rallies.

At State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp at Cazadero the youth groups adopted a total goal of $6,000 for missions as compared with last year's total giving of about $4,000 under the Postwar Emergency Program.

At each of the rallies envelopes are being distributed for individual gifts by the young people for the missionary goal. Young people are encouraged to do their giving through their own church, using these special envelopes, or, better still, regular pledges through the Every Member Canvass. A letter sent to church treasurers and pastors has asked that apportionment checks to the Conference office indicate the amount that has come from these gifts by young people.

More special envelopes and Missionary Action packets (free) are available from the Pilgrim Fellowship office.

Minister Refuses Draft, Issues Statement

Rev. J. Robert Meyners, recently ordained in our Conference and now serving as co-minister of The Fellowship Church of All Peoples in San Francisco, has declined to register for the Peacetime Draft, and has issued a statement explaining his stand of civil disobedience, both on religious and practical grounds.

"The Christian way to combat evil," he says in part, "is the way of redemptive suffering. This is preeminently exemplified in the Cross, but it has numerous counterparts in Christian history. Saints and martyrs have habitually chosen it in preference to violence. Across the country there are many young men who choose the alternative of civil disobedience to the draft. They believe that this is the way of redemptive self-suffering, and they hope by this to convince others that conscription will lead to war."

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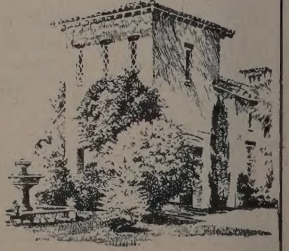

Visitors are always welcome at either establishment.

IN OAKLAND—4499 Piedmont Avenue

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